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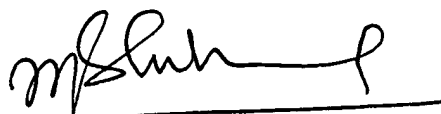
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The reply filed on November 11, 2005 is not responsive to the prior Office action because: Applicants have cancelled claims 11-31 and presented new claims 32-44 while electing Group VI claims 29-31 drawn to the use of Gas6 function for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of an individual with an elevated risk for disorder or disease caused by endothelial dysfunction. The newly presented claims are not directed to the elected Group VI. Newly presented claims encompass a method of treatment using a combination of a soluble Gas6 receptor and a neutralizing antibody against Gas6 and the Gas6 receptor and therefore are not drawn to the elected invention. acid. The reply filed on Nov. 11, 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): see above. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Montanari, Ph.D whose telephone number is 1-571-272-3108. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ram Shukla, Ph.D can be reached on 1-571-272-0735. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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